

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-18, 20, and 21 are pending in the Application, with claims 19 and 22-31 having been cancelled. The Amendment accompanying this response is believed to introduce no new matter and its entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above Amendment and the following remarks, applicants submit that all rejections and rejections are moot and that the Application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn and the pending claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and as such, the present Application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane A. Stewart III", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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